

COLLEGE STUDENTS IN FIERCE COMBAT.

Rival Rutgers Classes Attempt to Annihilate Each Other in the Street.

Preps. Form a Flying Wedge, but
Freshmen Break It Up—Sophes
to the Rescue.

FIRECRACKERS MAKE NIGHT HIDEOUS.
Safely in Their Hotel, the Pursued Ones
Yell Defiance from the Windows and
Are Pelted with Missiles.
A Wild Night.

New Brunswick, N. J., June 11.—A crowd of astonished townspeople stood before the Mansion House, on Albany street, last evening, watching the graduated seniors of Rutgers Preparatory School in fierce combat with the college freshmen and the sophomores, forming human wedges to annihilate the freshmen and assist the unfortunate preps.

It was evident, even while the prep. commencement exercises were going on in Kirkpatrick Chapel, that the night would be an eventful one for the students. While musical harmony and oratory reigned within, it seemed as if the hosts of Bedlam had laid siege on the outside of the building. Lungs were worked to their full capacity, and there was a hideous combination of class yells and firecracker explosions.

The latter frequently interrupted the exercises. Five of the orations delivered were of the patriotic order. When the speakers had wrought up their themes to climaxes, their eloquence was emphasized by several loud bangs, the noise floating in through the open windows. A number of times whole packs of crackers were set off at once, creating a fearful din.

Immediately after the exercises had ended and the crowd had passed out, the graduates, twenty-three in number, formed at the door preparatory to making a grand rush through the campus and down George and Albany streets to their banquet at the Mansion House. A gang of the freshmen congregated outside, also a score or so of the sophomores.

The preps. formed a V, placing their president, Clarence E. Case, in front. At the signal they shot out into the crowd, where they were met by the wall of freshmen. The wedge did some service, but soon disintegrated and the members started upon a run, pursued by the college men. The sophomores executed a flank movement and made a flying escort for their proteges.

One or two of the preps. became detached from the main body of refugees, and they were knocked down on the campus and severely mauled. Some had their clothing torn. In front of the Mansion House some of the preps., who arrived first, established a blockade with the aid of Proprietor Massey's bartender.

There was a great scurrying for advantage while college cheers rent the air. Individual fighting was commenced by Sophomore Benjamin Champion and Freshman Ross. They rolled over and over into the gutter, while their classmates formed a ring. Neither was much damaged by the encounter, although covered with dirt. During the tussle somebody smashed a large pane of glass in the window.

Through their own and the soph's tactics all the preps. were finally gotten inside, and, going upstairs, they shouted defiance from the front windows, while the crowd below pelted them with missiles. After that the students dispersed.

The banquet was a big success. Clarence Case, who was worn out with fatigue during the riot, acted as toastmaster. G. C. Woodruff toasted "School Fraternities," Frank Eckerson read the "School History," written by Frank L. Janeway; Herbert Rapaport, who was elected class poet, read a poem; and Robert Pettit, who was elected class orator, read a poem. John Glenon toasted "1900." Ernest Rapaport, who was elected class orator, read a poem. J. Bayard Kirkpatrick and William H. Greene also spoke.

HIS CANE CAUSED A BIG ROW.

Dean Accused McGlynn of Stealing It, and
They Fought in the Street.

Bellefonte, N. J., June 11.—Jeremiah Dean, a member of a New York political club, had a gold-headed cane presented to him some time ago, and when he moved recently, the cane was not with him.

A few days ago, while Dean was out walking, he met Peter McGlynn, who was known to him as a member of the club. Dean noticed the cane as McGlynn passed, and promptly told McGlynn that he wanted it. McGlynn resented the demand, and the cane was not with him.

To-day McGlynn got out a warrant for the arrest of Dean for assault and battery. The dean had McGlynn arrested for battery.

EX-FREEDHOLDERS ACQUITTED.

Political and Personal Spite Said to Have
Been Behind Indictments.

Newark, N. J., June 11.—A verdict of acquittal was rendered this afternoon by the jury in the case of the five former Freeholders who were indicted for exceeding the amount of their appropriations while they were in office. Judge Kirkpatrick directed the jury to return the verdict, which they did without leaving their seats.

The indicted Freeholders were Thomas J. Ripley, Owen A. Cahill, John J. Hanly, Richard O. O'Connell, and Patrick Lupton. All but Ripley are Democrats. The five were indicted over a year ago by a Republican Grand Jury, and the indictment was said to have been the result of political and personal spite.

PIGS CAUSE AN UPROAR.

Arouse the Neighborhood When Thieves Appear, and Are Not Stolen.

Franklin, N. J., June 11.—This quiet place was in an uproar at 1 o'clock this morning, caused by the attempt of two men to steal the pigs in a pen in the rear of the Franklin Hotel.

When the thieves alighted from a wagon to secure the pigs the alarm was given, and the residents of the vicinity jumped out of their beds, and some shot off revolvers. The thieves fled, and the incident was said to have been the result of political and personal spite.

DOG MOURNS HIS DEAD MISTRESS.

Westfield, N. J., June 11.—Some time ago the wife of an estimable citizen of this place died. She had been accustomed to take long walks, accompanied by an intelligent pointer. On the day of the funeral the dog seemed very sad, and the coffin that was borne to the church contained the remains of his mistress, and as the funeral cortege passed, the dog howled and howled pitifully. From that time every Sunday when the church bell rings the faithful creature has howled most mournfully. The matter was brought to the attention of the neighbors, and the animal's weekly mourning is somewhat peculiarly embarrassing.

AN ODD SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Boys Fooled Their Parents, Formed a "Dark Secret Club," and Drank Stolen Applejack Through Straws.

Rahway, N. J., June 11.—For several weeks past the parents of boys residing in the Alton and Willowgrove sections have found great reason for congratulation because their sons regularly every Sunday afternoon have been surprisingly interested in going to Sunday-school. The laudable disposition was encouraged, and while the parents rested at home their sons were supposed to be at the Willow Grove Sunday-school.

Last Sunday, when the school had its anniversary, some of the parents who attended were astonished at learning that their boys were not enrolled. A quiet investigation followed, and to the horror of the fond fathers and confiding mothers it was found that, instead of attending the school, the lads, to the number of ten or fifteen, had organized the "Dark Secret Club," and met Sunday afternoons at John Lambert's older mill and storehouse and indulged in the rapturous pleasure of sucking elder and applejack through straws out of the barrels stored there.

"Some of 'em," one of the lads confessed, "sometimes get awful funny an' roll off the barrels like they was drunk." The elder Mr. Lambert, on learning of the "club," visited his mill and found that entrance had been effected, and bungs and fastenings were taken out, and the barrels were filled with elder and applejack.

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FIRE ATTACKS THIS TOWN;

Fierce Forest Conflagration
Wipes Out the Centre
of a Village.

Starts from a Locomotive and Several
Buildings Are Instantly
Set Ablaze.

WELL-KNOWN GUNNERS' RESORT GONE.

Farmers and Citizens from Surrounding
Towns Respond to the Alarm, and
After a Hard Fight Stay
the Flames.

Toms River, N. J., June 11.—A fierce forest fire invaded the village of Lamoka, about ten miles below this place, on the Central Railroad, to-day, and wiped out the centre of the town. The "Oak Grove Hotel," a sportsmen's and summer resort; the homes of Charles McCarthy, Charles P. Bunnell and George Ditton are heaps of smoking ruins. Many acres of valuable timber land were burned and the fire is still raging in cedar swamps and over a large section of cranberry bog.

The fire was first discovered shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, and was said to have been caused by a spark from the Central Railroad freight train. A heavy westerly wind was blowing and the woods and swamps were dry as tinder. So swift did the fire travel that before an alarm could be given the fierce wind had swept it upon the town and the old Applejack Hotel, owned by Mrs. Mary Rogers, and occupied by her son, George Ditton, was quickly enveloped in flames. The Ditton house was flanked on the north by the homes of Charles P. Bunnell and Charles McCarthy. These caught quickly and were burned before any of their contents could be saved.

Across the street as the Oak Grove Hotel, managed by M. S. Hungerford, a New York City official. It was a well-known resort for gunners and sportsmen. The hotel, with all its outbuildings, was completely destroyed. The store of Freeholder Howard Jeffery, standing next to the hotel, was on fire many times, but was saved by strenuous efforts of the citizens, assisted by those from neighboring towns.

Help was telegraphed for from Manchester and Toms River, and a special train of workmen from the Central Railroad shops at Manchester was sent to the scene. Wagon loads of people also came from Forked River, Bayville and Waretown, which recently experienced a similar fire.

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WATER WILL DESTROY THIS.

Company Is Buying Up Stock-
holm and Will Make Its
Site a Lake.

Is an Historic Place and Furnished
Many Soldiers in the Rev-
olutionary War.

OLD SEWARD MANSION MAY GO.

Where the Village Now Stands Will Be a
Body of Water Fifty Feet Deep.
Another Village May
Be Doomed.

New Foundland, N. J., June 11.—There seems to be but little doubt now that within the next few years the little village of Stockholm, one of the oldest settlements in New Jersey, will be wiped out of existence, and the people now resident there will be forced to seek homes elsewhere.

The steps looking toward the destruction of the village have been under way a long time, but so quietly that no one suspected until recently that the place was doomed. Within a few years a great lake of four hundred acres will be in existence, with water from thirty to sixty or seventy feet deep of the present village. The hamlet of Canneston will probably also have to go, and on its site there will be a second lake, not so large or so deep, but still an extensive one.

Stockholm is historical. There were erected forges that were among the first in the State and nation. The iron came from a mountain near by. The water was furnished by the Pequannock River to drive the mill wheels that operated the hammers.

Mules carried the pigs from the foundries to Newark and New York for a couple of generations before the first regiment of soldiers for the Revolution was formed. New Jersey's first troops to aid in the rebellion against England were mustered in Stockholm by Colonel John Stockholm.

The Seward homestead is near Stockholm and may be effected by.

Colonel Seward's grandson was Lincoln's famous Secretary of State.

A few years ago, perhaps longer, options were taken on property in and around the village. The place consists of about twenty residences, two stores, two hotels and a church. It lies on a valley on both sides of the Pequannock River. The river at that point flows through a deep and narrow gorge, and the mountains then part in a forked formation. On two sides, there are mountains, which tower up hundreds of feet. On the third side is the large end of the Seward homestead.

Company has had its eye on the place for a long time. In fact, it is stated that when the company first looked at the place, it was a question whether the dam should be built at Stockholm or Oak Ridge. Oak Ridge was the more ideal place for the dam, and the water would flow into the lake. The dam was built at Oak Ridge, and the water would flow into the lake.

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